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Ms. Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street SW
Washington, DC 20554

RE: LightSquared Technical Working Group Report; IB Docket No. 11-109

Ms Dortch:

I write to express my strong personal support for Reston, Virginia-based LightSquared's proposed broadband wireless network, which would significantly expand America's wireless broadband capacity – an essential building block for our economic future. I urge the Commission to continue working to identify and resolve concerns regarding interference with GPS devices with an unambiguous goal of moving toward a buildout and launch of LightSquared's network.

In my work as Chairman of the Loudoun County, VA School Board, serving over 65,000 students, I can see that our children's future educational success is tied to their ability to access and make use of information in our digital world. We can provide access to that information at school, but many, particularly those in rural or impoverished communities, do not have the broadband access required to keep up with their peers. No amount of technology at school will overcome that gap.

LightSquared's proposed network would bring next-generation high-speed wireless – so-called "4G LTE" – to more than 260 million Americans within four years, greatly expanding the number of communities with access to wireless broadband. By combining satellite and terrestrial service, LightSquared would allow Americans anywhere, even in rural areas, to connect to a broadband wireless network. And as a wholesale provider, LightSquared would greatly increase the competitiveness of the wireless sector by allowing many smaller providers to enter the market, bringing down prices considerably, increasing consumer choice and spurring innovation.

I am aware that as currently configured, the LightSquared network could result in interference problems for a small number of GPS devices. However, I have faith that the FCC will continue to work cooperatively with LightSquared and GPS companies to come up with a workable solution that will allow Americans to benefit from both of these services. I strongly encourage

the Commission to pursue a technical solution that will allow LightSquared to launch service as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. Stevens', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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